

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A sports boot for a board for gliding, such as a snow board, or skating boot comprising a first part (1) in a first material and a second part (17) superposed on said first part and in a second material, and, a reinforcement means (10, 11, 12, 13), wherein the reinforcement means are at least partly formed by at least one frame (13) in synthetic material internally reinforced with mineral or synthetic fibers that are embedded in a matrix, and positioned at least partially between said parts wherein said frame is partially covered by said second part.

2. (Previously Presented) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first part is rigid core (1) comprising a reinforcement means and constituting, in certain zones, the inner face of the boot that receives a comfort liner, and the second part is an envelope (17) of flexible material covering at least partially the rigid core (1) and itself constituting the inner face of the boot in the zones where the rigid core is absent.

3. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the synthetic material of the frame is thermoplastic.

4. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the synthetic material of the frame is heat-moldable.

5. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the synthetic material of the frame is heat-curable.

6. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fibers are in the form of textile layers.

7. (Previously Presented) The boot as claimed in claim 6, wherein the fibers are of carbon or KELVAR®, or glass fibers.

8. (Previously Presented) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by the combination of a number of textile layers of identical or different fibers.

9. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fibers are superposed or woven.

10. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 2, wherein the frame (13) is covered by the flexible envelope.

11. (Original) The boot as claimed in claim 2, wherein the frame (13) is not at least partly covered by the flexible envelope (17).

12. (Previously Presented) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rigid core (1) comprises the frame (13) extending transversely under the rigid core, between heel and toe, and obliquely rearward, on each side the rigid core.

13. (Previously Presented) The boot as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rigid core (1) comprises the frame (13) extending above the heel and obliquely toward the bottom and the front of each side of the rigid core.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended) A sports boot for a board for gliding, such as a snow board, or skating boot comprising a first part (1) in a first material and a second part (17) superposed on said first part and in a second material, and, a reinforcement means (10, 11, 12, 13), wherein the reinforcement means are at least partly formed by at least one frame (13) comprising a thermoplastic or heat-curable matrix in synthetic material internally reinforced with mineral or synthetic fibers, and positioned at least partially between said parts wherein said frame is partially covered by said second part.